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EDUCATION TO BACKWARD CLASSES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is providing good quality education to the backward classes and muslims in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the schemes meant for them during the current year: and

(d) the allocation for each category?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a)& (b) The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and other Central Government interventions at the different levels of education are expected to provide good quality education to all sections of population, including those belonging to the socially and educationally backward classes and all religious denominations including the Muslims.

Provision of adequate number of teachers, training facilities for teachers, development of teaching learning materials, textbooks etc are the main areas of assistance for improving quality at the schooling stage. Statutory bodies such as All India Council for Technical Education also are mandated to maintain standard of education in their respective spheres. The University Grants Commission coordinates and. maintains standards of universities

(c)&(d) During the current financial year (2007-08) the following schemes relating to education of backward classes and minorities have been provided in the budget of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and Ministry of Minority Affairs.

Ministry of Social Justice of Empowerment

a. Pre-matric scholarship of backward classes 22.50 crore

b Post matric scholarship for backward classes 90.75 crore

c. Boys and Girls Hostels 18.50 crore

Ministry of Minority Affairs

a. Merit-cum means scholarship for professional & 48.60 crore Technical courses at UG and PG level for minorities

b. Pre-matric scholarship for minorities 9.00 crore

c. Post matric scholarship for minorities 54.00 crore